



Stevenson Ridge Spotsylvania, VA

Stevenson Ridge is a lodging and special event facility. Guests are able to stay in one of six private cottages. 'The Lodge' is a premier event facility that will host events for up to 200 guests. Stevenson Ridge maintains trails on the property, purchases local products for the breakfast basket, and maintains environmentally friendly practices.

GREEN ACTIVITIES

☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located:
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment



Guest rooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
- Donate excess food from events

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Stevenson Ridge preserves historic buildings from the 18th and 19th century. While renovating properties to supply guests with modern conveniences, the Bed & Breakfast minimizes the production of building materials. The Bed & Breakfast also plans to begin composting perishables in the near future.



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilizes native species
- Have an effective storm water management plan which includes pervious pavement, and minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Non-potable water is used to water vegetation.



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used



Green Events Package. The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
- Stevenson Ridge offers the following "green" services upon request: offers recycling at event facility, make transportation arrangements for groups, limit amount of disposable materials (papers, disposable dishes, etc.), optional towel and linen service, offers bulk dispensers for soap, uses energy efficient air conditioning & heating, conserve water, hotel information can be sent via e-mail and double sided paper copies, and utilizes reusable materials.

For more information on **Stevenson Ridge**, see www.stevensonridge.com or contact Jennifer Hawkins at Jennifer@stevensonridge.com or 540-538-3777.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen or www.virginiagreentravel.org.

